

French proverb Cryptograms — Set 16

5 puzzles · Standard print · answers on the last page

Every letter has been swapped for another letter. The same cipher letter always stands for the same letter, and no letter ever stands for itself. Write your answer in the blank under each letter. Answers are on the last page.

1. Clue: J = T

Hard · 59 letters

E J E F I S J J D Y

A G Y V J Y F J O Y V B J E Y F

J D V J E I F C E G Y J D Y W S F J

C G S Z S B I P C V F F E S I .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

2. Clue: C = E

Hard · 59 letters

G U G I A W C T I T Y U C Y H E L F

L H G Y L T M H H U Q F C Y S H E

W C T N S H E J F H J I C P S

U F C P J G N W C .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

3. Clue: N = H

Medium · 60 letters

N S Q N T Z W C S R T Y M N S

K W D Y M ' R R N T H V C S Z R

R S S R J H Z M N S Z M N D Y N S

Q N T E D Z Z W S R N W U .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

4. Clue: X = E

Hard · 61 letters

B X U D I O X V Z A I G

Q I C I K X V H E B H C X Z P B H

J X I O X D C H F B U C K F H

J U T R H E E B U D E U C K X V D .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

5. Clue: L = O

Medium · 61 letters

J G L V X L Q J R C C L G C ,

W L X M L G C , K Q W N K A E R G C ,

W L Q L M X L Q X R K N M Z R

M G H M Z L J E L H G X K C R .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Solver's cheat sheet

Most common letters	E T A O I N S H R D L U
Most common 1-letter words	A I
Most common 2-letter words	OF TO IN IT IS BE AS AT SO WE HE BY OR ON DO IF ME MY UP AN GO NO US AM
Most common 3-letter words	THE AND FOR ARE BUT NOT YOU ALL ANY CAN HER WAS ONE OUR OUT DAY GET HAS HIM HIS HOW MAN NEW NOW OLD SEE TWO WAY WHO BOY DID ITS LET PUT SAY SHE TOO USE
Common double letters	LL EE SS OO TT FF RR NN PP CC
Common word endings	-ING -ION -ENT -TION -LY -ED -ER -EST
After an apostrophe	T (don't) S (it's) RE (we're) VE (I've) LL (we'll) D (I'd)

Answer key

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1. "It is not the greatest beauties that inspire the most profound passion."

— French proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, *A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs* (London, 1857)

Cipher key: A=G B=U C=P D=H E=I F=S G=R H=Z I=N J=T K=X L=C M=W N=J O=B P=D Q=V R=Q S=O T=K U=Y V=A W=M X=L
Y=E Z=F

2. "It is pleasant enough going afoot when you lead your horse by the bridle."

— French proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, *A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs* (London, 1857)

Cipher key: A=P B=Q C=E D=Z E=U F=H G=I H=O I=S J=R K=J L=G M=F N=D O=V P=B Q=W R=M S=Y T=A U=T V=C W=L X=K
Y=N Z=X

3. "He who rides on the giant's shoulders sees further than he who carries him."

— French proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, *A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs* (London, 1857)

Cipher key: A=X B=V C=D D=A E=C F=P G=Z H=U I=Y J=F K=G L=B M=T N=H O=Q P=K Q=W R=S S=E T=O U=M V=L W=I X=J
Y=N Z=R

4. "He is a very bad manager of honey who leaves nothing to lick off his fingers."

— French proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, *A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs* (London, 1857)

Cipher key: A=B B=H C=N D=S E=F F=T G=D H=O I=A J=L K=G L=J M=Q N=X O=V P=W Q=M R=K S=Z T=C U=I V=R W=P X=E
Y=U Z=Y

5. "From confessors, doctors, and lawyers, do not conceal the truth of your case."

— French proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, *A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs* (London, 1857)

Cipher key: A=W B=V C=S D=I E=Y F=X G=R H=U I=G J=F K=A L=O M=T N=L O=P P=B Q=N R=E S=J T=Z U=K V=M W=D X=C
Y=Q Z=H